

# YATES MILL ASSOCIATES, INC.



## TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

HISTORIC YATES MILL COUNTY PARK

MAY 1, 2013

## 2013 Yates Mill Associates Highlights

**Yates Mill has a new roof!** Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and several new fundraising events, we were able to raise enough money to replace the leaky shingle roof with a new, more tightly meshed roof that is guaranteed for 30 years.

With the help of enthusiastic volunteers, Yates Mill Associates introduced **new fundraising activities** in 2012. Our first **Chickin Pickin'** featured music, prizes and delicious chicken and pork barbecue by longtime volunteer Jim Kellenberger. About 150 people attended and we raised more than \$4,000. Donors responded generously to a new **mid-year direct mail appeal** intended to raise funds for major repairs that, six years after the park's opening, are beginning to be necessary. The roof repair was the first of these; we hope in the next few years to replace the forebay (the channel that carries water over the waterwheel) and the waterwheel itself.

In the late fall, the staff of Historic Yates Mill County Park produced their most successful **Harvest Festival** to date. About 2,400 people passed through the park on Saturday of our September corn-grinding weekend. Yates Mill Associates grabbed the opportunity to add **arts and crafts** to our usual merchandise sale. Volunteers provided an array of popular items from hand-painted scarves to crocheted children's accessories to photographs and much more. Additional crafts were also offered at our annual **Holiday Sale** in early December.

We commend the staff of Historic Yates Mill County Park and our stalwart park volunteers for drawing **unprecedented numbers of visitors** to the park and mill. In calendar year 2012, park visitation topped 100,000 for the first time. Guided mill tours increased from 258 to 316 tours, generating almost \$12,500 in revenue for Yates Mill Associates – \$2,000 more than the previous year. Please join us in thanking park staff and management for their hard work to organize, promote and improve these events that are part of our core mission of educating the public about our mill.

Behind the scenes, officers and directors of Yates Mill Associates worked to improve the organization's **business operations**. This includes a new donor management database that will allow us to stay in better, more frequent contact with our friends and supporters, and a competitive bidding process to open our major mill repairs to a larger group of contractors.

Teamwork with our partners continues to be strong. In June, we signed a new, 10-year **joint use agreement** with Wake County for our partnership to operate Yates Mill and Historic Yates Mill County Park. And in the fall, N.C. State University officials proposed putting **Yates Mill's name on a new bakery** that will be located in the renovated Talley Center on campus.

We paid special tribute to some of the founders of Yates Mill Associates this year. In July, one of the Finley Center classrooms was named in honor of longtime YMA leader John Vandenberg. And, late in the year, we noted with sadness the passing of Mabel Dorsey, who drove early efforts to create Yates Mill Associates. Mabel continues to inspire us all as we carry out our work to protect this unique historic and cultural treasure.

**Welcome to our celebration of these milestones,  
and thanks for playing an essential role in the mission to preserve and celebrate Yates Mill.**

# AGENDA

## YATES MILL ASSOCIATES ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Historic Yates Mill County Park May 1, 2013

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| Welcome                              | Larry Hancock, Chairman                                       |
| Minutes of previous meeting          | Gary Coates, Secretary  |
| Treasurer's report                   | Sheila Hunter Wooten, Treasurer                               |
| Head Miller's report                 | William Robbins   |
| President's report                   | Margaret Lillard, President                                   |
| Guest speaker                        | Ernest Dollar<br>Executive Director<br>City of Raleigh Museum |
| Nominations Committee Report         | John Vandenberg, Committee<br>Chairman                        |
| Election of Directors                | Larry Hancock   |
| Presentation of Henry Marshall Award | Margaret Lillard and Mae Marshall                             |
| Unfinished Business                  | Larry Hancock   |
| New Business                         | Larry Hancock   |
| Adjourn*                             |   |

*\*Members of the YMA Board of Directors will meet briefly in the HYMCP Resource Room for the election of officers.*



## Henry Marshall Award

Since 1995, Yates Mill Associates has presented the Henry Marshall Award to an individual who has provided outstanding contributions to the restoration, promotion and demonstration of historic Yates Mill. This award is named in honor and memory of Henry Marshall. Henry was a dedicated and tireless volunteer whose individual efforts for many years, while serving as the N.C. State University Farm Superintendent, saved the decaying mill from an early demise. In his retirement, Henry continued his commitment to the restoration of Yates Mill by spending countless volunteer hours working at the mill. It is in his honor that the following individuals have been recognized as recipients of the Henry Marshall Award.

### 1995 Henry Marshall

1996 George Lewis

2005 Mabel Dorsey

1997 William Robbins

2006 J.D. "Dick" Thompson

1998 Not awarded

2007 J.D. Davis

1999 Ann Caldwell

2008 Jeanne Robbins

2000 Steve Bambara

2009 John Vandenberg

2001 Fairley Bell Cook

2010 Gary Coates

2002 Elizabeth White Perry

2011 Howard Harrell

2003 Linda Rudd

2012 George Lennon

2004 Carolyn Solomon

## Directors, Class of 2013

For their service and leadership, we thank these members of the Yates Mill Associates Board of Directors whose terms expire at this meeting.

George Lennon  
Marsha McNamara  
Margo Knight Metzger  
Dan Solomon  
Robbie Wooten